SC Librarian Selected to Serve on National Board

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Senate Confirms President's Nominees to National Museum and Library Services Board - The U.S. Senate confirmed four presidential nominees to serve as members of the National Museum and Library Services Board March 13, 2008. The board advises the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), an independent federal agency that is the primary source of federal support for the nation's museums and libraries.

"The new board members bring vast and varied experience to the National Museum and Library Services Board. We look forward to working with them and to their contributions in support the nation's museums and libraries," said the Institute's Director Anne-Imelda M. Radice. "I also want to thank and acknowledge the expert advice and leadership offered by the outgoing members: Judith Ann Rapanos, Edwin Joseph Riguad, Margaret Scarlett and Renee Swartz. We will miss them."

South Carolina Librarian, Dr. Mark Y. Herring, Dean of Library Services at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, has worked in librarianship for nearly three decades. Prior to serving in Rock Hill, Herring was Dean of Library Services at Oklahoma Baptist University, and Library Director at King College in East Tennessee. Herring's most recent book, Fool's Gold: Why the Internet Is No Substitute for a Library was released by McFarland in 2007. A poster from this book, "Why the Internet Is No Substitute for a Library" is now in more than 1,500 libraries in the U.S. and abroad. His articles have appeared in American Libraries, Library Journal, The Chronicle of Higher Education, College and Research Library News, The Weekly Standard, Policy Review, The Women's Quarterly, Society, and many others. His bachelor and master of library science degrees are from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University and his doctorate degree is from East Tennessee State University. Herring has two grown daughters and lives in Rock Hill with his wife, Carol, a high school English IB teacher.

Other new members include:

Julia W. Bland, Executive Director of the Louisiana Children's Museum Julia W. Bland has been the Executive Director of the Louisiana Children's Museum since 1997. Nationally, she has presided over the museum collaborative MC2 and is a founding member of Quality Management to a Higher Level (Qm2)'s New Orleans Roundtable. She also serves on the international board of the Association of Children's Museums as the association's Secretary. Locally she has chaired the boards of organizations such as Trinity Episcopal School, the Tulane Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health's Advisory Board, and America's Promise Alliance New Orleans Kids Partnership. Ms. Bland serves on various state-wide advisory boards promoting child well-being and early childhood development. In 2004 she co-chaired the Association of Children's Museum annual conference and served on the national program committee for the American Association of Museums annual conference. In 2001 and 2006 she was selected as a City Business Woman of the Year, and was a Young Leadership Council Role Model for 2007. She received her bachelor of arts in art history from Tulane University.

Jan Cellucci, Commissioner on the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science since 2005, has served as a Commissioner on the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, a federal government agency established in 1970 and consolidated with the Institute of Museum and Library Services in 2008. During a varied professional library career, Cellucci has served as a Goodwill Ambassador for the Canadian Association of Research Libraries, a member of the University of British Columbia President's Advisory Council on the University Library, a member of the Strategic Planning Committee of Friends of Library Archives Canada, an Associate University Librarian for Collection Services at Boston College, and as Preservation Manager for Boston College. Earlier in her career, she directed a K-12 school library, served as Assistant Director of the Hudson Public Library, created two new elementary school media centers, and was an elected public library trustee. Cellucci currently sits on the Board of the Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund, an umbrella organization that leads statewide efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, and on the Board of CAST, the Center for Applied Special Technologies dedicated to transforming education through Universal Design for Learning. She earned a master of library science and an honorary doctorate in public service from Simmons College in Boston.

William J. Hagenah, Chairman, Board of Directors of the Chicago Horticultural Society William J. Hagenah has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Chicago Horticultural Society since 1989, and he has served as its Chairman since 2002. He is responsible for the growth and development of the institution, presiding over meetings of the Governing Members and the Board's Executive Committee. Under his leadership, the Campaign for the Chicago Botanic Garden has raised more than \$125 million toward the construction of new gardens, the renovation of existing gardens, infrastructure improvements, and the construction of new administrative, teaching, and research facilities. Throughout his career, Hagenah held many positions at the First National Bank of Chicago, beginning as a security analyst in 1968, vice president of pension management in 1979, and finally, senior vice president of personal investments in 1986. He retired from the company in 1999. Hagenah's professional memberships include the Investment Analysts of Chicago, the Financial Analysts Federation, and the Institute of Charted Financial Analysts. He is also a Trustee of Rush University Medical Center. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Stanford University and master of business administration degree from Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management.

The National Museum and Library Services Board (NMLSB) is a twenty-four member advisory body that includes the IMLS director and deputy directors for libraries and museums and 20 presidentially-appointed and Senate-confirmed members of the general public who have demonstrated expertise in, or commitment to, library or museum services. Informed by its collective experience and knowledge, the NMLSB advises the IMLS director on general policy and practices, and on selections for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. For more information about the National Museum and Library Services Board visit the Institute's Web site at www.imls.gov/about/board.shtm. About the Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit www.imls.gov.